

**VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2007**

1. Call to order- 7:04PM

2. Roll call- Mark Jorgensen, Garry Patrick, Jim Samann, Jason Sheridan, Tom Williams, Beverly Sue Villanueva and Doug Kelsey-President. Kay Marsh, Treasurer and Clerk Shirley Harmon were also present. Audience- Monte O'Dell, Sharon Harris and Kevin Decker (MCM Group Insurance)

3. Pledge to flag

4. Public Comment

Sharon Harris read a letter from herself and her husband concerning the denial of their request to burn a large pile of brush on their property.

5. Consent Agenda Items

All matters listed under item 5, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Village Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. Minutes – Regular mtg. 7-5-07
- B. Treasurer's report for July
- C. Bills for approval 7-6-07 thru 8-2-07

Motion to approve consent agenda items except bills from Eaton County Controller by Williams
Seconded by Sheridan- vote all ayes - 0 nays.

6. Reports from Council Committees

Technology Committee-Williams moved to approve the recommendation from the Tech Committee to accept the agreement with IT Technique upon completion of the work on the water tower. Seconded by Villanueva, all ayes.

We have not heard back from Millennium Digital on their agreement.

Insurance-property/liability-Sheridan recommended to the Insurance Committee to recommend to Council to approve the bid from MCM Group for \$18,119.00. Motion by Villanueva, seconded by Kelsey. The committee did recommend to council. Villanueva moved to approve the recommendation to accept the bid from MCM Group for \$18,119.00, seconded by Kelsey, all ayes.

Ordinance committee charged to work on Chapter 40, NO Open Burning, of the Village of Vermontville Code of Ordinances. Villanueva requested a cost analysis on the DPW collecting brush. Doug read recommendation from attorney on the permitting of burning of large pile of brush. Williams moved to rescind the permission given to 490 W Main, Warner's. Seconded by Sheridan, all ayes, letter to be sent.

Pot belly pig- attorney Ross Lieberman drafted letter with ruling for clerk to send out -letter done and sent out 8-1-07. Resident was given until 8-29-07 to comply or file for ZBA hearing.

7. DPW Report

Payment request #3 was presented, clerk pointed out that payment #2 has not been received yet, Monte to check into. Williams moved to approve Payment request #3, seconded by Villanueva, all ayes. Monte requested that the Water/Sewer committee meet to discuss the need for repairs on the valves at the lagoons. Meeting set for 8-7-07 at 7pm.

Last month the council approved the street lighting change on South Main for cost of \$1,740.00. Monte talked to Consumers Energy and got the price changed down to \$435.00.

Monte stated that he and clerk had found a little over \$3,000.00 in the budget for the Fourth/Fifth and Elm Project. The rest would have to come out of the Capital Investments. Jorgensen moved to go ahead with project, seconded by Williams. All ayes.

Questions were raised on the need of the ramp in front of the American Legion on West First Street. To be ADA compliant it has to be there.

8. Report from Planning and Zoning Boards

Master Plan – PC will get letter together to place with the Master Plan stating the review was done and approved.

Letter of intent for ZBA- David Spencer- Sheridan moved to approve the appointment of David Spencer to the Village of Vermontville ZBA. Seconded by Williams, all ayes.

9. Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

Reports presented, not much happening.

10. Unfinished Business

Lagoon Annexation-August 15th meeting of Board of Commissioners , Kelsey will be attending.

Opera House-

Motion needed to approve the Ordinance 07 -02 to authorize the conveyance of any interest the Village has in 2 small pieces of property by the Opera House via quit claim deed to the

Township. Motion to approve made by Williams, seconded by Villanueva. Roll call vote ayes-Jorgensen, Patrick, Samann, Sheridan, Williams, Villanueva and Kelsey. Nays - none.

Sale of property on South Main and Fourth Street – letter was sent to adjoining property owner, but we haven’t heard anything back from them and the deadline was given of 7 -31-07. Tabled for now.

11. New Business

Mail- Doug read letter from Vermontville Women’s Club stating they would pay for a new swing set for the park to replace the smaller one near the village office.

Clerk pointed out that the Zoning map isn’t quite correct- clerk checked and cost will be under 200.00 to update. Sheridan asked clerk to wait until after Planning Commission meeting and they would check their budget so far.

The treasurer questioned the reason for 3 bills from the Eaton County Controller’s office. Explained that the office didn’t receive the first one before last council meeting and so there was 3 for this council meeting, for the summer patrol. They are paid by invoice not as a monthly installment. Villanueva moved to approve payment of these 3 bills, seconded by Williams, all ayes.

Williams moved to go into Public Hearing , seconded by Sheridan

The Village of Vermontville will be taking questions or comments regarding the South Main Street and First Street reconstruction and Watermain Replacement Project that was finalized and completed in July 2007 by Mead Bros. Excavating, Inc. Comments and questions will be taken during the regularly scheduled Village Council Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on August 2, 2007. The project was completed with \$289,000 of grant assistance administered through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation under grant number 206040-ICE

**No comments or questions were presented. **

Williams moved to go back into regular session, seconded by Sheridan.

12. Public Comment

Discussion of brush pick up-council members encouraged to go to the Ordinance Committee meeting when announced.

13. Adjournment

Williams moved to adjourn, seconded by Sheridan, all ayes.

Adjourned at 8:44pm

Shirley Harmon-clerk

Doug Kelsey-president